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SUBJ: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY: JULY 29

1. HIGHLIGHTS OF SOVIET PRESS:

-- U.S. COVERAGE IS LIGHT. TONE IS MIXED, BUT UPBEAT DESCRIPTION OF U.S.-SOVIET COOPERATION IN SCIENTIFIC AND ECONOMIC FIELDS BY GVISHIANI IN IZVESTIYA OVERWEIGHS SMALLER, MORE NEGATIVE PIECES;

-- ON CSCE, TODAY'S TWO MAJOR WAVES IN FLOODTIDE OF ANNIVERSARY MATERIAL ARE PRAVDA POLITICAL OBSERVER YURIY ZHUKOV'S ONE-YEAR-AFTER COMMENTARY AND SCST DEPUTY CHAIRMAN GVISHIANI'S SURVEY OF EAST-WEST SCIENTIFIC-TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION IN IZVESTIYA. ZHUKOV'S LINE IS STANDARD (GOODWILL HERE, ILL WILL IN WEST), BUT HE PROVIDES COGENT CHECKLIST OF WHAT SOVIETS CONSIDER THEY HAVE DONE BY WAY OF IMPLEMENTATION (SEPTEL). GVISHIANI'S PIECE, WHILE FORMALLY WITHIN HELSINKI CONTEXT, IN FACT MAKES CLEAR HOW LITTLE SCI-TECH COOPERATION DEPENDS ON CSCE; MAIN POINTS ARE SOVIET REJECTION OF AUTARKY, MUTUAL REINFORCEMENT OF POLITICAL DETENTE AND SCI-TECH COOPERATION, AND HEAVY STRESS ON IMPORTANCE OF U.S.-SOVIET COOPERATION;

-- AS A SALT/MBFR FOOTNOTE, SOVIET EUROPEAN SECURITY AND COOPERATION COMMITTEE'S ANNIVERSARY "DECLARATION" PRINTED IN FULL IN IZVESTIYA INCLUDES STATEMENT THAT "ALL PRECONDITIONS EXIST FOR SOLUTION OF DISARMAMENT PROBLEMS BEING DISCUSSED IN VIENNA AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GENEVA; "PRAVDA CARRIES TASS ITEM ON DECLARATION WHICH INCLUDES THIS STATEMENT; KRASNAYA ZVEZDA CARRIES ITEM SAME DAY, BUT LEAVES STATEMENT OUT;

-- PRAVDA JULY 29 ARTICLE ON CEMA BY M. SENIN, DIRECTOR OF CEMA INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC PROBLEMS OF WORLD SOCIALIST SYSTEM, IS DETAILED AND FORTHRIGHT ACCOUNT OF HOW INTEGRATION IS WORKING, ALSO NOTABLE

FOR PASSAGE ON HOW AGREEMENT WITH EEC PROPOSED BY CEMA
WOULD CREATE FAVORABLE CONDITIONS FOR COOPERATION
BETWEEN TWO ORGANIZATIONS " AND SEPARATE COUNTRIES IN
THEM", IN ACCORD WITH CSCE PROVISIONS;

-- IZVESTIYA CARRIES COMMENTARY BY B. VINO GRADOV
ON XM-1-LEOPARD TANK CONTROVERSY WHICH LEAVES FINAL
OUTCOME OPEN, BUT CONCLUDES ANYWAY THAT ARMS RACE
"IMPEDES DETENTE."

-- ON POLAND, JULY 29 CENTRAL PRESS FRONTPAGES
BREZHNEV-GIEREK MEETING IN CRIMEA, AND CHARACTERIZATION--
"FRIENDSHIP, CORDIALITY, FULL MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING"--
IS SLIGHTLY WARMER THAN LAST BILATERAL IN BERLIN;
PRAVDA ALSO NOTES THAT DEPUTY PREMIERS ARKHIPOV AND
TIKHONOV SAW POLISH DEPUTY PREMIER KAIM IN MOSCOW
JULY 28 ON EXPANDING ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION;

-- MIDDLE EAST COVERAGE IS EXTREMELY LIGHT.

CENTRAL PRESS HAS NOTHING ON LEBANON. KRASNAYA ZVEZDA
HAS SHORT TASS CAIRO PIECE ON EGYPT'S EFFORT TO OBTAIN
FUNDS FROM SAUDI ARABIA, QATAR, AND OTHER COUNTRIES
OF PERSIAN GULF TO BAIL ECONOMY OUT OF DIFFICULTIES
CAUSED BY EGYPT'S "OPEN DOOR" POLICY;

-- IZVESTIYA CARRIES FIRST ARTICLE BY ITS NEW
SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN TEHRAN A. AKHMEDZIANOV, WHICH
IS AS A WHOLE DECIDEDLY POSITIVE AND ENDS WITH PM
HOVEYDA'S DESCRIPTION TO AKHMEDZIANOV OF SPECIFIC AREAS
FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF SOVIET-IRANIAN ECONOMIC
COOPERATION;

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-- PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA CARRY REPORT ON SPEECHES
OF CASTRO AND ANGOLAN PRESIDENT NETO IN HAVANA.
CASTRO IS REPORTED AS SAYING THAT "AS IS WELL KNOWN"
CUBA HAS BEGUN TO WITHDRAW ITS MILITARY PERSONNEL FROM
ANGOLA. BUT, HE ADDED, CUBAN UNITS AND WEAPONS WILL
REMAIN FOR ASSISTANCE TO ANGOLA IN CASE OF AGRESSION
FROM WITHOUT AND UNTIL ANGOLAN ARMED FORCES ARE
"EQUIPPED AND TRAINED." NETO, IN HIS REPORTED REMARKS,
THANKED SOVIET UNION FOR ITS HELP AND BLASTED "MAOISTS"
FOR MAKING DEAL WITH AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS AND
EXTENDING MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO "REACTIONARY, SPLITTIST
MOVEMENTS AND DETACHMENTS OF SOUTH AFRICAN RACISTS"

-- CENTRAL PRESS HAS TASS NEW YORK ITEM ON
UPCOMING UN SECURITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION ON SOUTH

AFRICAN MILITARY ATTACKS ON ZAMBIAN TERRITORY;

-- PRAVDA "COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN" BY YU. TSAPLIN
PUTS ISRAELI RAID ON ENTEBBE AIRPORT IN CONTEXT OF
IMPERIALIST PLAN TO SOW DISCORD AMONG AFRICAN STATES
(IN THIS CASE KENYA AND UGANDA) IN ORDER TO DIVERT
ATTENTION OF AFRICAN PEOPLE FROM LIBERATION STRUGGLE
AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA;

-- PRAVDA NOTES THAT INDONESIA TIMES TOOK U.S.
AND SECRETARY KISSINGER TO TASK FOR EFFORTS TO USE
"VIETNAME THREAT" TO FORESTALL VIETNAMESE POLICY OF
COOPERATION AMONG STATES OF SOUTHEAST ASIA;

-- IZVESTIYA AND KRASNAYA ZVEZDA QUOTE
AMERICAN PRESS AS CLAIMING THAT COMMON DENOMINATOR OF
MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING IS AUSTRALIAN SUPPORT FOR KEEPING
AND EXPANDING U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE IN PACIFIC AND
INDIAN OCEANS;

-- PRAVDA ALSO CARRIED TOKYO TASS ITEM ON
JAPANESE-SOVIET CREDIT AGREEMENTS SIGNED JULY 28
WHICH MENTIONS TYUMEN PLANT CONSTRUCTION PLANS;

2. U.S. COVERAGE PER SE IS LIGHT ALTHOUGH GVISHIANI'S
PRAVDA ARTICLE ON POST-HELSINKI EUROPE ALSO GIVES
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DEFINITELY FAVORABLE SKETCH OF U.S.-SOVIET COOPERATION
IN SCIENTIFIC-ECONOMIC FIELD SINCE 1972. GVISHIANI
DESCRIBES DISCRIMINATORY CONDITIONS WHICH CONGRESS
PLACED ON U.S.-SOVIET TRADE IN 1974, BUT GOES ON TO
CITE BURGEONING U.S.-SOVIET TRADE AS "GIVING GROUNDS TO
SUPPOSE THAT THESE DIFFICULTIES HAVE ONLY A TEMPORARY
CHARACTER." FOR ITS PART, SAYS GVISHIANI, THE SOVIET
UNION IS UNDERTAKING ALL MEASURES SO THAT BUSINESS
COOPERATION MIGHT ACTIVELY DEVELOP...

-- BOTH IZVESTIYA AND KRASNAYA ZVEZDA NOTE U.S.
UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR EXPLOSION IN NEVADA.
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